

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/813,355
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Applicant: Joel C. Higgins
Group Art Unit: 3733
Examiner: Pedro Philogene
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUSES FOR ENHANCING
PROSTHETIC IMPLANT DURABILITY
Attorney Docket: 5490-000378

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 17, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.